# LPD Quarterly Newsletter July 1st—September 30th 2020

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#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Lowell Police Department is to continue building and maintaining strong partnerships with the diverse communities of the city of Lowell. We strive to work with our community to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to ensure public safety. We will do this while working to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Lowell.

The Lowell Police Department is committed to the ideals of Community Policing. Those ideals are evident in programs such as the Citizens Police Academy, the Police Volunteer Program and the Community Relations Council. The Department's core values are integrity, respect, accountability, community, sanctity of life, and knowledge. Patrols are assigned by geographic sector, encouraging officers to become intimately associated with neighborhoods and their residents, better enabling them to fight and prevent crime.

#### **Highlights**

- The LPD hosted a Student Police Academy over the summer.
- The Department received three grants from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.
- National Night Out was held on October 6th, 2020.

## Crime Statistics for July 1– September 30, 2020\*

Crime	2019	2020	% Change
Aggravated Assault	54	59	9%
Aggravated Assault - Domestic	39	36	-8%
Burglary	80	47	-41%
Car Break-ins	121	86	-29%
Disorderly	56	30	-46%
Robbery	27	21	-22%
Soplifting	56	21	-63%
Vandalism	167	175	5%
Total	600	475	-21%

Firearms	2020
Recovered	48
Surrendered	22
Total	70

The LPD took 70 firearms off the streets between January 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020.

<sup>\*</sup> Statistics are subject to change due to ongoing investigations.

## **Student Police Academy**

The LPD hosted a Student Police Academy for students in grades 5 through 8. Due to coronavirus restrictions, only 30 students were allowed to attend each session. The academy ran from August 3rd-14th for students in 7th and 8th grade and August 17th—28th for students in 5th and 6th grade. Students had the opportunity to learn more about law enforcement, participate in drills, receive CPR certification, and attend a K9 Unit demonstration. Graduation ceremonies were held for each graduating class. The ceremonies were recorded and posted on social media for parents and guardians to watch. To view the Student Police Academy graduation ceremonies, please visit our Facebook page (@LowellMAPD).













## **National Night Out**

National Night Out is an annual Crime Prevention and Safety event that celebrates community partnerships. In past years, the LPD would participate in events around the city to meet with community organizations and residents. This event is typically held on the first Tuesday in August, but due to the pandemic it was rescheduled to October 6, 2020. In order to celebrate National Night Out, the LPD joined several community partners and neighborhood groups in a car parade around the city.





#### Grants

The Lowell Police Department was awarded the FY 2020 Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Program grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Funding will be used to implement a Project Lifesaver program in the City of Lowell.

The LPD also received the **FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)** and the **Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program** grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The JAG grant supports civilian staff members in the LPD. The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program grant will help the Department respond to the COIVD-19 pandemic. The LPD will purchase PPE (N95 respirators, gloves, disposable coveralls, etc....) for officers to use in the event that they come into contact with an individual showing symptoms of coronavirus. The Department will also purchase cleaning supplies to disinfect the precincts on a regular basis.

Residents can view a detailed report of grants the LPD has received since 2007 on our website (http://www.lowellma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12667/LPD-Grants-Received-Since-2007).

#### Thank You

The Lowell Police Department would like to thank the individuals and organizations that have generously donated food to the department. We appreciate your continued support!